

SENATE BILL NO. 296

April 26, 2023, Introduced by Senators RUNESTAD, JOHNSON and BELLINO and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to

provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 6aa.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 6aa. (1) An electric utility or natural gas utility shall**
 2 **file a report with the commission every year that contains all of**
 3 **the following for that reporting period:**

4 **(a) A list of contributions to a separate segregated fund**
 5 **established by that utility.**

6 **(b) An itemized list of contributions that a separate**
 7 **segregated fund established by the utility made to, and**
 8 **expenditures that the separate segregated fund made on behalf of,**
 9 **any of the following:**

10 **(i) Candidate committees.**

11 **(ii) Ballot question committees.**

12 **(iii) Political party committees.**

13 **(iv) Political committees.**

14 **(v) Independent expenditure committees.**

15 **(vi) Independent committees.**

16 **(vii) Other separate segregated funds.**

17 **(c) Any money given to an organization formed under 26 USC**
 18 **501(c) (4) or 26 USC 501(c) (6), including the amount given and the**
 19 **name of that organization.**

1 (d) Any money given to an organization formed under 26 USC
2 527, including the amount given and the name of that organization.

3 (e) Any expenditures made on lobbying.

4 (2) The commission shall post a report received under
5 subsection (1) on its website.

6 (3) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Ballot question committee" means that term as defined in
8 section 2 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
9 169.202.

10 (b) "Candidate committee" means that term as defined in
11 section 3 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
12 169.203.

13 (c) "Contribution" means that term as defined in section 4 of
14 the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.204.

15 (d) "Independent committee" means that term as defined in
16 section 8 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
17 169.208.

18 (e) "Independent expenditure committee" means that term as
19 defined in section 9 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA
20 388, MCL 169.209.

21 (f) "Lobbying" means that term as defined in section 5 of 1978
22 PA 472, MCL 4.415.

23 (g) "Political committee" means that term as defined in
24 section 11 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
25 169.211.

26 (h) "Political party committee" means that term as defined in
27 section 11 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL
28 169.211.